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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHAN 10357

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, IR, SU, YE

SUBJ: SOVIET MILITARY MISSION FOR NORTH YEMEN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER KHALATBARI SUMMONED ME SATURDAY EVENING TO SHARE A TELEGRAM HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HIS AMBASSADOR IN SAN'A. THE MESSAGE STATED THAT GENERAL SUKRIKOV, VICE MINISTER FOR DEFENSE OF THE SOVIET UNION, HEADED A FULL MILITARY MISSION TO SAN'A A WEEK AGO THURSDAY AT THE INVITATION OF COL HAMDI. AN AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE RUSSIANS AND THE NORTH YEMENESE ALTHOUGH NOTHING PRECISE IS KNOWN ABOUT ITS TERMS. THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE TWO SIDES AGREED TO HAVE 200 OFFICERS AND NCO'S FROM THE SOVIET UNION GO TO YEMEN FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING THE ARMY AND FOR AIR DEFENSE. IT IS ALSO ALLEGED THAT THE RUSSIANS AGREED TO BUILD A MILITARY AIRPORT IN THE REGION OF BEIDHA. THE AGREEMENT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SIGNED BY GENERAL SUKRIKOV AND BY COL AL-HEIBA, VICE MINISTER FOR MILITARY AFFAIRS. (NAME SPELLINGS ABOVE ARE AS GIVEN ME BY KHALATBARI BASED ON THE FARSI VERSION IN THE TELEGRAM.)

2. ACTION REQUESTED: KHALATBARI WOULD LIKE TO BE INFORMED AS TO  
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WHETHER OR NOT THE SAUDI AND EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENTS ARE AWARE OF THIS

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND NORTH YEMEN AND WHAT IS  
THEIR OPINION ABOUT IT. HAVE APPOINTMENT TO SEE KHALATBARI AGAIN  
AT 5 PM LOCAL DECEMBER 9. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU COULD  
DEVELOP PRIOR TO THEN.

3. KHALATBARI TOLD ME THAT HE HAD ALSO GIVEN BRITISH AMBASSADOR  
PARSONS THE INFORMATION IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE. HE HAS QUERIED HIS  
AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO AND JIDDA AS WELL.  
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